

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct. #1
Commissioner Prct. #3
Commissioner Prct. #4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 5th of April 2001. Present were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others Interested in the business of the court.

01-04-157

1. Call to Order – Judge Martinez

Invocation – Mr. William N. Hall, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

01-04-158

2. Minutes –

Motion to defer the minutes of next meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-04-159

3. Communications –

The court commended Judge Hector Liendo for providing an update on the collection of traffic fines on License & Weight citations.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funding recommendation for 2001 Colonia Fund.

City Of Laredo – Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CNN)

Commissioner Velasquez introduced Ms. Rosalinda Tijerina as his administrative assistant and thanked Ms. Alice Medina for her assistance.

Judge Martinez read a letter from Commissioner Jerry Vasquez formally resigning from the Juvenile Youth Village Committee.

Commissioner Vasquez commented on his letter.

Sheriff Juan Garza came before the court to ask for a status report from the committee assigned to evaluate the 700 bed facility.

Mr. Hector Farias came before the court to address the rabies issue.

Motion to move up item **01-04-162 6. – j. (1.)** }

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Armando Bustamante came before the court to express his concerns about the Health Department Animal Control officers.

Mr. Roger Garcia, Interim Director of the Laredo Health Department addressed his concerns and the rabies issue.

Ms. Isabel Mendez, Director of the Animal Shelter came before the Court to introduce members of the Animal Protective Society.

01-04-160

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. William N. Hall, Jr., Treasurer presented his report at this time.

Motion to approve to pay the bills as presented and the payroll as follows:

3-30 \$ 1,661,941.26
4-13 \$ 1,600,000.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-04-162 6. – a.** }

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to solicit proposals for the Webb County Depository Contract for a two year period.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Monthly Reports cont'd –

Auditor's –

Mr. Leo Flores, Auditor presented his report at this time.

Tax Assessor-Collector –

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector presented the Ad Valorem and MVD reports.

Motion to accept reports for Public Defender, Facilities, Road & Bridge and Utilities as submitted

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-04-162

6. – b.

Motion to approve the following refunds:

Graham Central Station
Reason: Sec. 25.25 Correction of Appraisal Roll
Refund: \$ 947.08

Hilltop Farm Ltd.
Reason: Double Assessed
Refund: \$ 1,497.22

Burlington Coat Factory
Reason: Sec. 25.25 Correction of Appraisal Roll/Sec. 23.12
Inventory Value only

6. – c.,d.,e.

Motion to approve a line-item transfer:

Constable Pct. 2

From: Acct. 001-2503-6202 (uniforms) \$ 141.10

6403 (repairs maint.of vehicles) \$ 220.00

Total \$ 361.10

To: Acct. 001-2503-6011 (training/ed.) \$ 361.10

Facilities:

From: Acct. 001-0109-6401 (repairs/maint.) \$ 2,682.00

To: Acct. 001-0106-6202 (bldg. maint.uniforms) \$ 2,682.00

Total \$ 361.10

District Clerk:

From: Acct. 001-1100-6022 (prof.serv) \$ 2,000.00

6204 (fuel/lube) \$ 1,000.00

6014 (equip.rental) \$ 1,000.00

Total \$ 4,000.00

To: Acct. 000-1100-6402 (repair/maint. equip.) \$ 3,000.00

6010 (books/subscriptions) \$ 1,000.00

Total \$ 4,000.00

6. – f.

Motion to approve a line item transfer for the County Clerk's Office:

From: Acct. 009-1120 (County Clerk Records Management & Preservation)

6402 (repairs/maint.) \$ 8,500.00

To: Acct. 009-1120-6014 (equipment rental) \$ 8,500.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Judge Martinez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – g.

Motion to approve salary adjustments for the following slots effective April 13, 2001 (monies available in General Order and Title IV-D Grant)

Slot # 299 (Deputy Clerk) from: \$ 11.05/hr.	to \$ 10.50/hr
Slot # 298 (Deputy Clerk) from: \$ 11.05/hr	to: \$11.60/hr
Slot # 292 (child support) from: \$ 11.09/hr	to: \$ 11.64/hr

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – h.

Motion to approve the amendment to the “Tariff” of the Webb County Utilities Department. The Tariff’s Amendment includes the following changes:

- 1.) “Water Utility” to Utilities Department”
- 2.) Addition of the drought Contingency Plan –
Approved by Commissioner’s Court on August 14, 2000
- 3.) Addition of the Industrial waste order – Approved by Commissioners Court on May 22, 2000
- 4.) Water rates approved by Commissioners Court on March 22, 1999

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – i.

Motion to issue/ratify “Certifications regarding compliance with Plat requirements and the connection of utilities” to authorize the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Sec. 232.029 (i), TLGC

? Lot 12, Block 1, Colorado Acres Subdivision (electricity-1 dwelling)

? Tract 19, Unit VII, Ranchos Penitas West Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

? Tract 225, Ranchitos Las Lomas II Subdivision (electricity 1- dwelling)

? Lot 12, Block Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – j. (2.)

Motion to adjust the salary of slot # 1708 from \$ 11.51 an hour to \$ 13.22 an hour.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Judge Martinez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – j. (3.)

No action taken on this item.

6. – j. (5.)

Motion to defer this item:

Action to include one or two Commissioners on the scoring committee effective May 1, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – j. (6.)

No action taken on this item.

6. – j. (7.)

Motion to enter into a Professional Service Contract Agreement between Webb County and Mr. James B. Francis, Jr., of Francis Enterprises, Inc., for the strategic advisory capacity covering all matters pertaining to Webb County and the issuance of a presidential permit for the planned 5th International Bridge commencing on April 1, 2001 for a minimum period of six months at \$ 12,500 per month and ordering as per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code 262.024 an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code 262.023 (Competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-04-163

7. – a.

Motion to table this item:

Action to amend Fund 817 9transfer in) from \$ 600,00 to \$ 350,000 to cover additional anticipated Worker's Compensation Claims of \$ 250,000.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. – b.

Motion to approve the following items for Safety & Health month to include, but not limited to:

? Safety & Health Calendar of Events

? Safety & Health Month Incentive Program

*** ½ of amount requested and allow Ms. Puente to choose items needed.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. – c.

Motion to defer a presentation from the American Heart Association.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-04-164

8. – a. , b. c., d.

Motion to enter into a Professional Services Agreement between Webb County for the Welfare to Work Program and Texas A & M International University through the Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development for entrepreneurship education and training for Webb County's Welfare to Work population commencing on May 1, 2001, for a total cost not to exceed \$ 22,500 and ordering, as per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code § 262.024, an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code § 262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements), and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Approve a Resolution proclaiming April 2001 as "Fair Housing Month" and April 16-20, 2001 as "Fair Housing Week" and designating Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) as the agency responsible for monitoring Fair Housing in Webb County and;

Approve a Resolution authorizing the designation of an annual set aside as determined by the prevailing Webb County Commissioners Court in preparation for the acquisition of recreational unique/historical and/or natural resources within Webb County for the purpose of preservation and/or development as recreational areas and;

Authorize the submission of a contract amendment request to the U.S. Department of Labor for the Welfare to Work Program and contract extension up to March 2002 with appropriate budget modifications (Welfare to Work program Contract currently ends on September 2001).

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-04-165

9. – a.

Motion to purchase educational equipment for the Head Start Program in the amount of \$ 6,447.78 from the Edu-Source Corporation.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – b.

Motion to solicit bids for two 2001 motorcycles for the Webb County Sheriff's Department.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – c.

Motion to solicit bids to lease one portable building for the Head Start Program.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – d.

Motion to solicit bids for one 59 passenger conventional bus for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – f.

Motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one two horse trailer for the horse and carriage program from Daniel A. Gonzalez of Zapata, Texas in the amount of \$ 3,300.00

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Judge Martinez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – g.

Motion to approve the proposed color scheme for the new Webb County Administration Building presented by Robert Sepulveda from Sepulveda & Associates.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-04-166

10. – a.

Motion to approve line-item transfer as follows:

From: Acct. 001-1101-6028 (witness expense) \$ 450.00

To: Acct. 001-1101-6022 (prof. serv.) \$ 450.00

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – b. ,c.,d.,e.

Motion to enter into an Engineering Contract, in the amount of \$ 67,000 with Sherfery Engineering Co., L.L.C. for design and construction of the Tanquesitos I WasteWater Collection line project project funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TCDP Contract # 720155) which will provide first time public sewer service to 59 households in Colonia Tanquesitos and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into an Engineering Contract, in the amount of \$ 29,978.00 with WSBC Civil Engineers, Inc., for design of drainage improvements with the Webb County Self-Help Center's target area being Tanquesitos I & II San Carlos San Enrique Los Altos and the Ramirez Tract funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TCDP Contract # 718003) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter in to a Lease Purchase Agreement with Associates Commercial Corporation for two motor graders and one paver as bid and awarded by the Commissioners Court on February 12, 2001 at a cost of \$ 326,3369.99 payable in 12 quarterly payments and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and;

Enter into a Professional Services Contract between Webb County for the Head Start Program and Dr. Timothy Brown, Dr. Luis E. Flores and Dr. Denise L. Bradley to provide mental health services to children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a term beginning March 1, 2001 and ending July 31, 2001 at a reduced fee as specified in the Agreements, and ordering as per V.T.C.A. Local Government Code § 262.024 an exemption from V.T.C.A. Local Government Code § 262.023 (competitive bidding/competitive proposal requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – f.

Motion to reconsider the Commissioners Court action of December 11, 2000 approving Lease Agreement # 33201058-E11D-Laredo, between Webb County, Lessor and the State of Texas, Lessee for approximately 352 square feet of space being room 109 at Webb County Justice Center for use by The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, from November 15, 1998.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – g.

Motion to enter into an Agreement with the Oilton Rural Water Supply Corp. to convey one backhoe tractor to insure the proper maintenance and delivery of water services to the residents of Oilton and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – h.

Motion to defer this item:

Action regarding oil and Gas Tax Lawsuits filed by County and consultation with retained legal counsel James K. Jones and any matters incident thereto.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0